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SUBJECT: PEREZ REITERATES IDEA OF REGIONAL REPROCESSING CENTER

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1. SUMMARY. VENEZUELA PRESIDENT PEREZ'S SUGGESTION OF A LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL REPROCESSING CENTER, WHICH RECEIVED AN UNENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION FROM THE GOB (SEE REFTEL),

WAS REITERATED DURING AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE JORNAL DO BRASIL.

END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER CONCLUDING THE BRASILIA PORTION OF HIS STATE VISIT TO BRAZIL,

PEREZ GAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH THE JORNAL DO BRASIL IN RIO (PUBLISHED NOV. 20), AND CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH GEISEL THE CREATION

OF A MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISE IN LATIN AMERICA, INCLUDING

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REPROCESSING FACILITIES.

ACCORDING TO THE INTERVIEW, GEISEL'S RESPONSE WAS THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER

THE IDEA, BUT THAT THE SUBJECT WOULD REQUIRE LONG DISCUSSIONS AND THAT

IMMEDIATE RESULTS COULD NOT BE EXPECTED.

3. PEREZ DEFENDED LATIN AMERICAN'S NEED FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY IN ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT BRAZIL HAS PERHAPS THE GREATEST NEED ON THE CONTINENT. BUT HE ALSO RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF PROLIFERATION AND THE NEED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHILE PEREZ DEFENDED BRAZIL'S NEED FOR NUCLEAR POWER, AND HAD PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED BRAZIL'S RIGHT TO DEVELOP ITS OWN TECHNOLOGY, HE STATED THAT "WE CANNOT, HOWEVER, ACCEPT NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AS A PRIVILEGE OF ONLY ONE COUNTRY." HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT " I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT BRAZIL INTENDS TO BECOME A MONOPOLIST IN NUCLEAR ENERGY, BUT I THINK THAT ONE WAY TO AVOID A MONOPOLY OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS THROUGH LATIN AMERICAN INTERGRATION." HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PLANTS OF THE MULTINATIONAL COMPANY COULD BE LOCATED IN BRAZIL, BUT THAT OWNERSHIP WOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ENTIRE REGION.

4. THE PAPER SEES THE PEREZ FORMULATION AS A PROPOSAL TO LOCATE A MULTINATIONAL REPROCESSING FACILITY ON BRAZILIAN SOIL; COMMENTS THAT FROM THE FIRST DISCUSSIONS ON REPROCESSING WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IT WAS BELIEVED THAT A COMPROMISE WOULD BE POSSIBLE THROUGH BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION IN A MULTINATIONAL PLANT; AND NOTES THE ITAMARATY POSITION THAT THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE REPROCESSING PLANT, AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PLANT FORESEEN BY THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN ACCORD, WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE.
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